

Indiana State Excise Police News Release

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Indiana State Excise Police Cite Two Bloomington Bars

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. – Indiana State Excise Police officers cited two Bloomington bars for allowing minors to loiter late Thursday, November 29, 2007, and early Friday, November 30, 2007. Officers issued summonses to 14 people less than 21 years of age at these bars and incarcerated one person.

Bluebird Nightclub, 216 N. Walnut Street, was cited around 11:00 P.M. Thursday for four counts of allowing minors to loiter. Bluebird hosted a Hanson concert Thursday night. Seven minors were issued summonses at Bluebird. All received summonses for minor in tavern. Three also were charged with possession of false identification and illegal consumption of alcoholic beverages.

Kilroy's Sports Bar, 319 N. Walnut Street, was cited around 2:00 A.M. Friday for two counts of allowing minors to loiter. Seven minors were issued summonses and one was incarcerated at Sports Bar. Most were charged with illegal consumption, minor in tavern, and possession of false identification. One person was incarcerated for false informing, illegal consumption and public intoxication.

"Our officers will continue to have a significant presence in the Bloomington area through finals week at Indiana University," Officer Travis Thickstun said. "Most semesters in past years have tended to see a gradual reduction in arrests and tickets toward to end of the term. While activity typically spikes early in the semester and slowly decreases, this year has seen steady numbers of arrests and tickets."

Those who received summonses today were given various court dates in January and February, when they will make an initial appearance.

Indiana State Excise Police officers are the enforcement division of the Indiana Alcohol & Tobacco Commission. While excise officers have the authority to enforce any state law, they focus primarily on enforcing Indiana's alcohol and tobacco statutes.